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Information on KVP Units in Berlin-Johannisthal

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1. After an additional estimated 1,700 KVPs arrived in Berlin-Johannisthal during the night of 13/14 September, the occupation of the former VPL installation increased to about 3,000 soldiers who wore blue, black, red and dark-green service colors prior to 17 September 1953. These soldiers were quartered in the two hangars, the seven temporary quartering buildings and the establishment on Segelfliegerdamm. The new troops reportedly came from Eggesin, Kamenz and the Rostock and Stendal area and were assigned guard missions along the sector boundaries in Berlin and along the ring around the city. The KVP units previously employed there returned to their stations. The summer bivouacs in Koenigsheide and the park between Karlshorst and Lichtenberg were being dismantled. 1
2. Source saw 4-wheeled armored scout cars and trucks in front of the hangars. The guard units were being trained in the handling of weapons and in firing besides being given theoretical instructions. Six Soviet officers who wore German uniforms were attached to the new units in Berlin-Johannisthal. A colonel who wore a Soviet uniform was also seen.
3. Source learned that the following designations were used for troop quarters controlled by the Ministry of the Interior:

Installation I, Schneller Strasse, Ministry of the Interior;  
 Installation II, Schneller Strasse/Karlshorster Bruecke, formerly VF Seb;  
 Installation III, Johannisthal;  
 Installation IV, Friedrichsfelde. 2.

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1.  Comment: Information on the re-occupation of the installation in Johannisthal previously occupied by the VPL was transmitted previously. It is believed that the unit which arrived in the night of 13/14 September was the medium tank regiment of the Mechanized Division Eggesin. Information received so far indicates that most of the new units that arrived in Johannisthal belonged to Division Eggesin and Division Prora. The dismantling of the tent camps mentioned was reported previously.

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[Redacted] Comment. According to information furnished by the same source, a portion of the installation in Johannisthal was reserved for the Political Main Administration of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior. Installation II probably quarters the Main Administration for Rear Services. Installation IV refers to the Magerviehhof occupied by the KVP.

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